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of "pardoning sin in the tribunal of penance." All this we believe to be unscriptural, and delusive, destructive error. But our author is a Roman Catholic from conviction. Such utterances are, therefore, to be expected from him. Still, from his point of view, he has written, not a great, but a good and useful book, and we are glad to place it on our shelves among the books written by Protestants on pastoral theology, grateful that these silent, peaceful volumes agree in so many vital points.

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THE CURE OF SOULS. Lyman Beecher's Lectures on Preaching, at Yale University, 1896. By John Watson, M.A., D.D. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co., 1896. \$1.50.

A FAR cry it is from the day when preachers denounced the novel to the day when Ian MacLaren crosses the ocean to instruct the American students in the art of preaching! Among all the preachers who have visited Yale to extend the ever-lengthening chain of "Lectures on Preaching" none has had a warmer reception or produced a more delightful book than Dr. Watson. The Cure of Souls is a fine blending of sound Scotch sense with prophetic fervor, and is lighted up on every page by flashes of quaint humor, which vividly remind us of Drumtochty and His Mother's Sermon. tures make no pretense of greatness. They are simple, masculine, pithy, and extremely suggestive. They show us the interior of the workshop of a master workman—although he vigorously protests that "there is some difference in principle between the construction of a table and a sermon." The first lecture on "The Genesis of a Sermon" is of value to every literary worker, and its analysis of mental production into Selection, Separation, Illumination, Meditation, and Elaboration will repay study. Then follow chapters which in a charmingly informal way lead us in and out through all the public and private life of the modern prophet. While the general positions are hardly novel, the sudden sallies, glimpses, side-lights make the book fairly fascinating. The genuine sincerity and somewhat archaic expression remind us of Baxter and George Herbert; while the discussions on "artistic repletion," "sane mysticism," on "weaning an idea from its relatives," on "sermons by machinery," etc., show a mind distinctly and alertly modern. The whole book exhibits the manliness of spirit and deftness of touch which we have learned to expect in the author.

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Christian Worship. Ten Lectures, delivered in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, in the Autumn of 1896. By Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D.; Alexander V. G. Allen, D.D.; Egbert C. Smyth, D.D.; Charles C. Tiffany, D.D.; Henry Eyster Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.; William Rupp, D.D.; William R. Huntington, D.D.; Allan Pollok, D.D.; George Dana Boardman, D.D., LL.D.; Thomas S. Hastings, D.D., LL.D. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1897. Pp. viii+348; cloth.

We have in these ten lectures a comprehensive and able discussion of Christian worship. The first lecture deals with the principles of Christian worship, the ninth discusses the worship of non-liturgical churches, while the last sets forth the ideal of Christian worship. The remaining seven treat the subject historically. In clear outline the essential facts concerning primitive Christian liturgies are presented. The Greek and Roman liturgies, together with those of the Lutheran and Reformed churches, are unfolded. The evolution of the Book of Common Prayer, the service of the Church of England, is attractively traced; this is followed by a lecture which sets forth the growth and merits of Presbyterian forms of worship, as embodied in the Book of the Common Order.

Appended to several of these lectures are very valuable bibliographies. Any investigator of the subject of liturgies, and of public worship, will not only find invaluable aid in these discussions themselves, but by these bibliographies will be put on track of the best literature pertaining to the whole field of investigation.

The study of such literature is liberalizing and healthful. In worship all Christians, however diverse their creeds, are one. When on their knees before God they all alike humbly confess their sin, and adore Him through whose matchless grace they are forgiven and saved. In praise and prayer differences vanish, and all hearts are blended in blissful unity. The theology of the head may separate believers, but that of the heart unites them. We owe a debt of gratitude to the theological school that has evoked and sent out these lectures. It is